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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

SCHWIND ET AL.

**APPLICATION NO: 10/044,373** 

FILED: 01/11/02

FOR: LENS CARE PRODUCT CONTAINING DEXPANTHENOL

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of July 6, 2003 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on June 6, 2003. A two-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

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